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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 25, 41, 43, 47-50, 55, 58-61, and 62, please cancel claims 4, 46, 51-54, 57, 63, and 64, and please add new claims 67-90 as follows.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
 - a pole interface on a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole, the pole interface comprising a non-skid material;
 - a head interface on the mount body, the head interface comprising a retaining mechanism adapted for coupling a head to the partition mount, the head interface spaced apart from the pole interface; and
 - a biasing unit that outwardly biases the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other, such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface in a manner that the pole interface is the only portion of the partition mount in direct contact with the pole.
2. (Original) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the pole interface is at a first end of the mount body and wherein the head interface is at a second end of the mount body.
3. (Original) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the pole interface comprises a C-shaped body.
4. (Canceled)

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5. (Original) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the head interface comprises a clamp that is adapted for coupling the partition mount to a head.
6. (Previously presented) The partition mount of claim 5 further comprising a head constructed and arranged to be coupled to the head interface, and wherein the head comprises a pad.
7. (Original) The partition mount of claim 6 wherein the pad comprises a non-skid material.
8. (Original) The partition mount of claim 6 wherein the pad comprises a compressible material.
9. (Original) The partition mount of claim 6 wherein the pad is elongated.
10. (Original) The partition mount of claim 6 wherein the pad provides a point of contact.
11. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 5 wherein the head interface is integral with the mount body.
12. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the head interface comprises one of a ball and socket.
13. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the mount body, head interface, and pole interface are configured along a common axis.
14. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the mount body comprises first and second arms coupled by a hinge, and wherein the pole interface is on the first arm and the head interface is on the second arm.

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15. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 14 wherein the first arm is C-shaped and includes the pole interface at a first end and a leverage handle at a second end.
16. (Original) The partition mount of claim 15 wherein the first arm further includes a wall interface of non-skid material between the first end and the second end.
17. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 14 wherein the second arm is L-shaped and includes the head interface at a first end and a grip handle at a second end.
18. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 17 wherein the second arm includes a hinge such that the head interface and grip handle can be positioned relative to each other at a range of angles.
19. (Original) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the biasing unit comprises a spring.
20. (Original) The partition mount of claim 19 wherein the spring is one of inwardly biased and outwardly biased.
21. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the biasing unit comprises at least one of a ratcheting mechanism and a manually operated screw.
22. (Original) The partition mount of claim 1 further comprising a wall interface coupled to the mount body.
23. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 22 wherein the wall interface comprises non-skid material.
24. (Original) The partition mount of claim 1 wherein the mount body comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastic, graphite, wood, and aluminum alloy.

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25. (Currently Amended) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
- a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;
 - a pole interface on the first arm, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole, the pole interface comprising a non-skid material;
 - a head interface on the second arm, the head interface comprising a retaining mechanism adapted for coupling a head to the partition mount, the head interface spaced apart from the pole interface; and
 - a biasing unit that outwardly biases the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other, such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied about the hinge, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface, in a manner that the pole interface is the only portion of the partition mount in direct contact with the pole.
26. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the first arm is C-shaped and includes the pole interface at a first end and a leverage handle at a second end.
27. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 26 wherein the first arm further includes a wall interface of non-skid material between the first end and the second end.
28. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the second arm is L-shaped and includes the head interface at a first end and a grip handle at a second end.
29. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 28 wherein the second arm includes a hinge such that the head interface and grip handle can be positioned relative to each other at a range of angles.

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30. (Original) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the biasing unit comprises a spring.
31. (Original) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the pole interface comprises a C-shaped body.
32. (Original) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the pole interface comprises a non-skid material.
33. (Original) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the head interface comprises a clamp that is adapted for coupling the partition mount to a head.
34. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 33 further comprising a head constructed and arranged to be coupled to the head interface, and wherein the head comprises a pad.
35. (Original) The partition mount of claim 34 wherein the pad comprises a non-skid material.
36. (Original) The partition mount of claim 34 wherein the pad comprises a compressible material.
37. (Original) The partition mount of claim 34 wherein the pad is elongated.
38. (Original) The partition mount of claim 34 wherein the pad provides a point of contact.
39. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 33 wherein the head interface is integral with the mount body.
40. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the head interface comprises one

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of a ball and socket.

41. (Currently amended) The partition mount of claim ~~[[34]]~~ 25 further comprising a wherein the head that is integral with the mount body at the head interface.
42. (Canceled)
43. (Currently Amended) The partition mount of claim ~~[[42]]~~ 30 wherein the spring is one of inwardly biased and outwardly biased.
44. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the biasing unit comprises at least one of a ratcheting mechanism and a manually operated screw.
45. (Original) The partition mount of claim 25 wherein the mount body comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastic, graphite, wood, and aluminum alloy.
46. (Canceled)
47. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 46 wherein the head comprises~~ A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
a pole interface coupled to a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;
an elongated head comprising a pad of non-skid material;
a head interface coupled to the mount body, the head interface comprising a clamp that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction relative to the mount body; and
a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head

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interface can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

48. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 46 wherein the head comprises~~ A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
- a pole interface coupled to a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;
 - an elongated head comprising a pad of compressible material;
 - a head interface coupled to the mount body, the head interface comprising a clamp that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction relative to the mount body; and
 - a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.
49. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 46 wherein the head comprises~~ A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
- a pole interface coupled to a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;
 - an elongated head comprising a pad that is elongated;
 - a head interface coupled to the mount body, the head interface comprising a clamp that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction

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relative to the mount body; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

50. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 46 wherein the head~~ A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:

a pole interface coupled to a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;

an elongated head that provides a point of contact with an abutting surface;

a head interface coupled to the mount body, the head interface comprising a clamp that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction relative to the mount body; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

- 51.-54. (Canceled)

55. (Currently Amended) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:

a pole interface coupled to a mount body, the pole interface constructed and

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arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;

a head interface coupled to the mount body;

a wall interface coupled to the mount body, the wall interface on an external, outer surface of the mount body; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied about the hinge, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

56. (Previously Presented) The partition mount of claim 55 wherein the wall interface comprises non-skid material.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 57 wherein the head comprises A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:~~

a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;

a pole interface coupled to the first arm, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;

an elongated head comprising a pad of non-skid material;

a head interface coupled to the second arm, the head interface comprising a clamp that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction relative to the mount body; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head can be

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varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

59. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 57 wherein the head comprises A~~
partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;
a pole interface coupled to the first arm, the pole interface constructed and
arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively
an external region of a pole;
an elongated head comprising a pad of compressible material;
a head interface coupled to the second arm, the head interface comprising a clamp
that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction
relative to the mount body; and
a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with
respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head can be
varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward
bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head to suspend the
partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.
60. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 57 wherein the head comprises A~~
partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;
a pole interface coupled to the first arm, the pole interface constructed and
arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively
an external region of a pole;
an elongated head comprising a pad that is elongated;
a head interface coupled to the second arm, the head interface comprising a clamp
that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction

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relative to the mount body; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

61. (Currently Amended) ~~The partition mount of claim 57 wherein the head comprises~~ A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:

a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;

a pole interface coupled to the first arm, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;

an elongated head that provides a point of contact with an abutting surface;

a head interface coupled to the second arm, the head interface comprising a clamp that couples the mount body to the head, the head extending in a transverse direction relative to the mount body; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

62. (Currently Amended) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:

a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge and having a thickness in a transverse direction;

a pole interface coupled to the first arm, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively

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an external region of a pole;

an elongated head integral with and coupled to the second arm, and extending in [[a]] the transverse direction relative to the mount body over a length that is greater than the thickness; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

63.-64. (Canceled)

65. (Previously Presented) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:

a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;

a pole interface coupled to the first arm, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut a perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole, the first arm being C-shaped and including the pole interface at a first end and a leverage handle at a second end, and a wall interface of non-skid material between the first end and the second end;

a head interface coupled to the second arm, the second arm being L-shaped and including the head interface at a first end and a grip handle at a second end; and

a biasing unit for outwardly biasing the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied about the hinge, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.

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66. (Withdrawn) The partition mount of claim 65 wherein the second arm includes a hinge such that the head interface and grip handle can be positioned relative to each other at a range of angles.
67. (New) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
- a pole interface on a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;
 - a head interface on the mount body, the head interface comprising a clamp that is adapted for coupling the partition mount to a head;
 - a head constructed and arranged to be coupled to the head interface, wherein the head comprises a pad. and
 - a biasing unit that outwardly biases the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other, such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.
68. (New) The partition mount of claim 67 wherein the pad comprises a non-skid material.
69. (New) The partition mount of claim 67 wherein the pad comprises a compressible material.
70. (New) The partition mount of claim 67 wherein the pad is elongated.
71. (New) The partition mount of claim 67 wherein the pad provides a point of contact with the abutting surface.

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72. (New) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
- a mount body comprising first and second arms coupled by a hinge;
 - a pole interface on the first arm, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole;
 - a head interface on the second arm, wherein the head interface comprises a clamp that is adapted for coupling the partition mount to a head;
 - a head constructed and arranged to be coupled to the head interface, wherein the head comprises a pad; and
 - a biasing unit that outwardly biases the pole interface and head interface with respect to each other, such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head interface can be varied about the hinge, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head interface to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.
73. (New) The partition mount of claim 72 wherein the pad comprises a non-skid material.
74. (New) The partition mount of claim 72 wherein the pad comprises a compressible material.
75. (New) The partition mount of claim 72 wherein the pad is elongated.
76. (New) The partition mount of claim 72 wherein the pad provides a point of contact with the abutting surface.
77. (New) The partition mount of claim 1 further comprising a head that is integral with the mount body at the head interface.

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78. (New) A partition mount for mounting between a pole and an abutting surface comprising:
- a pole interface on a mount body, the pole interface constructed and arranged to removably abut less than an entire perimeter of a side portion of exclusively an external region of a pole, the pole interface comprising a non-skid material, the mount body having a thickness in a transverse direction;
 - an elongated head integral with and coupled to the mount body, and extending in the transverse direction relative to the mount body over a length that is greater than the thickness; and
 - a biasing unit that outwardly biases the pole interface and head with respect to each other, such that relative positions of the pole interface and the head can be varied, and such that when mounted between a pole and an abutting surface, the outward bias of the biasing unit is operative through the pole interface and the head to suspend the partition mount in position between the pole and the abutting surface.
79. (New) The partition mount of claim 78 wherein the pole interface comprises a C-shaped body.
80. (New) The partition mount of claim 78 wherein the head comprises a pad of non-skid material.
81. (New) The partition mount of claim 80 wherein the pad comprises a compressible material.
82. (New) The partition mount of claim 78 wherein the mount body comprises first and second arms coupled by a hinge, and wherein the pole interface is on the first arm and the head is on the second arm.

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83. (New) The partition mount of claim 78 wherein the biasing unit comprises a spring that is one of inwardly biased and outwardly biased.
84. (New) The partition mount of claim 78 further comprising a wall interface coupled to the mount body.
85. (New) The partition mount of claim 62 wherein the pole interface comprises a C-shaped body.
86. (New) The partition mount of claim 62 wherein the head comprises a pad of non-skid material.
87. (New) The partition mount of claim 86 wherein the pad comprises a compressible material.
88. (New) The partition mount of claim 62 wherein the mount body comprises first and second arms coupled by a hinge, and wherein the pole interface is on the first arm and the head is on the second arm.
89. (New) The partition mount of claim 62 wherein the biasing unit comprises a spring that is one of inwardly biased and outwardly biased.
90. (New) The partition mount of claim 62 further comprising a wall interface coupled to the mount body.